**Steve Noble, 45 year old teacher at Woodville High School who is removing his tattoo:**

**Interview: Primary source**

-had tattoo of red-back spider on his neck, reasons for this tattoo-> “I was young and thought it is cool.”

-21 when he got tattooed; paid $50 => queen’s property!!! (Normally for the size of his tattoo, he would have paid $25, but because of the place, where he got his design, he had to pay double)

-removal process started at the age of 41

-deletion of the tattoo with laser takes 10 sessions -> he is still not finished -> 2-3 more sessions left

-laser technology: $75 per session (15 minutes each) and 3 months between every sitting  
->much more painful than actual tattoo process “feels like large rubber band being flicked on the back of my neck”

**Why he is removing his tattoo:**

-he really regrets his tattoo: “I was young and stupid”

-he had long hair -> covered it, but had a haircut with 40 years, still didn’t see it

-while shopping in a supermarket he heard a little child talking about him “this man has a spider on his neck” to his mother

**His opinion about tattoos:**

-20 years ago, the tattooing procedure was not as good as it is today. The qualities of the designs were really awful.

-If he would like to get a new tattoo; “No, I have done my tattooing part and I’m finished with this topic.

-“most of the tattoos nowadays are too large and too coloured”

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